

REMARKS

In response to the final Office Action dated November 1, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 12 and 14-20. By this communication, claims 1-11 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the underlying subject matter. Claims 15-20 have been added, where claims 15-19 recite subject matter previously recited in claims 7-11, and claim 20 recites subject matter previously recited in claim 13.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over *Yamagishi et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,127,523) in view of *Weber*, (U.S. Patent No. 6,590,707). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, and 13 have been canceled without prejudice. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Based on at least the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that claims 12 and 14-20 are allowable, and this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a favorable examination and consideration of the instant application. In the event the instant application can be placed in even better form, Applicant requests that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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